All were taken without hurt, save that the Laird of Whitto brake his leg

z$tb March. SPANISH PREPARATIONS

There is arnved at Plymouth a small bark from St John de Luce, the master whereof reporteth that at the passage and thereabouts in Biscay there are twelve great ships making ready to go to Ferrol There is proclamation also that no ships of any port in Biscay shall go this year for the Newfoundland for that the King shall have cause to employ all mariners.

zjtb March THE EARL OF ESSEX'S INSTRUCTIONS

My Lord of Essex at his departure is instructed upon his arrival in Ireland to assemble the Council and require to be informed of the state of that kingdom and the strength of the rebels The army and people shall be instructed and contained in the exercise and service of God, and the bishops and ministers called to account He shall check the abuse of false certificates whereby the bands have been continually filled up with Irishry in such sort as commonly the third person in one band hath not been English, and the Irish have run away with their arms to the traitor. Great care also is to be taken that ordnance and powder be not wasted, nor extraordinary sums of money paid away My Lord shall not confer the honour of knighthood upon any that do not deserve it by some notorious service or who have not in possession or reversion sufficient living Moreover if Tyrone shall make means to be received into the Queen's mercy, he shall not be received except upon simple and single sub-mission

To-day the Queen granted licence to my Lord to return to her Majesty's presence at such times as he shall find cause

This day about 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Earl of Essex, Vicegerent of Ireland, took horse at his house in Seeding Lane, and from thence accompanied with divers noblemen and many others, himself very plainly attired, rode through Grace Street, Cornhnl, Cheapside and other high streets, in all which places and in the fields the people pressed exceedingly to behold him, especially in the high ways, for more than four miles[5] space,